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PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER KENT OBEE WAS THE VICTIM OF SUBSTANTIAL ROBBERY AT HIS RESIDENCE IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR. A MONTH LATER THE PRIMARY SUSPECT WAS APPREHENDED BY THE POLICE AND WAS FOUND TO BE IN POSSESSION OF PART OF THE STOLEN GOODS. THE INDIVIDUAL CONCERNED LATER CONFESSED TO THE POLICE AND THE JUDICIAL PROCESS WAS ALLOWED TO TAKE ITS COURSE. YESTERDAY IN AN INITIAL HEARING, THE DEFENDANT CHANGED HIS PLEA FROM GUILTY TO NOT GUILTY -- THUS NECESSITATING A FULL TRIAL. OBEE HAS BEEN VISED BY POLICE THAT HE WILL SHORTLY BE SUMMONED TO TESTIFY -- SOMETHING HE IS MOST WILL TO DO.

POLICE ALREADY HAVE OBEE DEPOSITION BUT INSIST THAT HIS PERSONAL APPEARANCE IS NECESSARY FOR SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTION OF THE CASE. IN VIEW OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF ROBBERIES EXPERIENCED RECENTLY BY MISSION PERSONNEL IN DAR ES SALAAM AND EMBASSY'S OWN RECORD OF URGING GREATER TANGOV ACTION, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE IN BOTH OBEE'S AND EMBASSY'S INTEREST FOR HIM TO TESTIFY. ACCORDINGLY WE REQUEST DEPARTMENT APPROVE A WAIVER OF DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY.
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